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ai In the preferred embodiment, the end portions of the slide plate 1 located under the truck mounting bases 6 are of an appropriate dimension so that the end portions of the slide plate 1 mount flush with the outside edges of the truck mounting bases 6. **FIGS. 1 and 3.** Additionally, the width of the slide plate 1 is equivalent to the width of the truck mounting bases 6 and of a length equivalent to the distance between the outer margins of the truck mounting bases 6. **FIG. 1.** The exposed side edges 8 of the slide plate 1 between each of the truck mounting bases 6 can be beveled, shaped, or contoured to prevent the edge from biting during skateboard maneuvers.

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g2 A plate attached to the bottom surface of a skateboard deck to provide a consistent sliding surface when using the bottom surface of the deck to perform tricks or acrobatic maneuvers. The plate mounts between the trucks of the skateboard and the deck using the truck mounts and is designed to cover the bottom surface of the deck between the two trucks. The plate is cut to fit the prescribed area and is cut from hard plastic materials.